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SUBJECT: SWEDISH MINISTER URGES SOME US ACCOMODATION IN CIEC
DIALOGUE

1. DURING A COURTESY CALL ON SWEDISH MINISTER FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE OLA ULLSTEN HE REFERRED TO CIEC MINISTERIAL MEETING WHICH HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED AT ONE TIME FOR DECEMBER AND WHICH, HE SAID, WILL BE CERTAINLY POSTPONED. ULLSTEN URGED THAT THE US ACCOMODATE ITS POLICIES MORE TO THE HOPES OF THE G-19. HE THOUGHT THAT THE NEAR-FAILURE SO FAR OF THE CIEC DIALOGUE WAS DUE TO THE US, AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT, TO THE COMMON MARKET. SHOULD THE MINISTERIAL BE CALLED FOR MARCH OR APRIL, FOR EXAMPLE, HE HOPED FOR "MOVEMENT" BY THE US WHICH WOULD ENSURE A MORE OR LESS SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THE CIEC PHASE OF THE NORTH-SOUTH TALKS. THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT, HE NOTED, HAS MADE SERIOUS EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE G-8 AND G-19 ON MANY QUESTIONS. HE URGED IN PARTICULAR THAT THE US JOIN IN THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL TO WRITE-OFF THE DEBTS OF THE POOREST OF THE LDC'S. ULLSTEN THEN INQUIRED AS TO THE ATTITUDE OF THE INCOMING ADMINISTRATION.

2. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT IT WAS TOO SOON TO KNOW WHETHER AND WHAT CHANGES WOULD OCCUR IN THE US POSITIONS IN THE DIALOGUE. HE STRESSED THAT THE US ROLE TO DATE HAS HAD BIPARTISAN SUPPORT. THE IMPORTANCE OF SEEKING MORE EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE LDC'S WAS WIDELY ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE US. THE SECRETARY OF STATE-DESIGNATE HAD REFERRED RECENTLY IN AN INTERVIEW TO THE QUESTION AS "TERRIBLY IMPORTANT," AND HIGHLIGHTED THE MUTUAL NEEDS WHICH LINK THE NORTH AND SOUTH.

3. COMMENT: THE MINISTER'S COMMENT ON THE CIEC DIALOGUE FOLLOWED THE LINE WHICH THE EMBASSY AND OUR CIEC DELEGATION ARE AWARE OF. ULLSTEN HAS SAID ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT ENDORSES MOST OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE/DEVELOPMENT POLICIES OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS. ULLSTEN'S PARTY, THE LIBERALS, WAS NORMALLY IN AGREEMENT WITH THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION. ON THESE MATTERS. IN THE CASE OF CUBA, ULLSTEN THOUGH SWEDEN'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEVELS OF AID WOULD SHRINK OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS BUT AN OFFSETTING EFFORT WILL BE MADE IN TRADE AND CULTURAL RELATIONS. (A MEMCON REPORTS MORE FULLY ON SWEDISH-CUBAN RELATIONS.)
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